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暇潰し編
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Himatsubushi-hen

'Who is the criminal'?
It must be a story where we search for that, right?
'Who is the criminal'?
In the first place, do you know 'what kind' of criminal it is?
'Who is the criminal'?

Who is the criminal who will kill me after this!?

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"WHEN THEY CRY."

5 CONTACT

YOU'RE INUKAI TOSHIKI-KUN, RIGHT?
YOUR GRANDPA IS THE MINISTER OF CONSTRUC TION...
WOULD YOU MIND...
COMING WITH UNCLE HERE...

UWAAAA
SOME-ONE..!!
SOME-ONE HELP ME...
PLEA... PLEASE HELP ME!
!!
ALL OF A SUDDEN, A STRANGE GUY...

If you stay quiet,
I won't be rude with you.
.....
.....

It hurts, you know?
……?
If you struggle that much...
The skin will roll up, right?

GOOD MORNING.
.....!!
DID YOU MANAGE TO HAVE GOOD DREAMS?
HM!
HMM!!
PUU.
DAMN. HE'LL CRY AGAIN!

YOU'RE PLAYING WAY TOO MUCH WITH HIM.
WE WERE TOLD BY THE HEAD HOUSE TO TREAT HIM WITH CARE.
HEY.
ニョオオ…
BUT, YOU KNOW..
HOW LONG WILL WE HAVE TO HIDE HIM IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
C'MON.
HAVE PATIENCE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS MAKE COMPANY TO THIS BRAT!

WHAT'S HAP-PENED?
Huu Huu Huu Hu
ZA ZA ZA ZA
.....!?
OOH!
IT'S A COMMUNI-CATION FROM TOKYO
THE GREEDY CARP...
BIT AT THE BAIT...
ガア

ORDERS TO SET TOSHIKI-KUN FREE!?
B-BUT OISHI-SAN!
THEN, IN OTHER WORDS..
EEH...
I SOMEHOW HAPPENED TO HEAR IT BEFORE AKASAKA-SAN CAME TO THE POLICE OFFICE HERE.
IT'S A RUMOR.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED..
AND THE DAM PROJECT CAME TO A HALT.
Everything is about to happen
...In accordance with what Rika-chan said.
In that case..

Would she be saying I'd regret?
What on earth....
YOU WILL REGRET HAVING COME TO THIS VILLAGE.
WHAT'S HAP-PENED?
OISHI-SAN?
!
WE'LL BE AFTER THE CRIMINALS ANYWAY.
WELL, BE THE RUMOR TRUE OR NOT..

THAT HUT OVER THERE..
IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE USED DURING THE SUMMER-TIME.
!
IT'S THE FOREST SERVICE FIELD OFFICE HUT BUT...
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WORRIES YOU?
IF THAT IS THE CASE..
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE AT ALL BUT,
THEN, THAT CAR..

WHOSE CAR IS THIS?
.....
OISHI HERE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
JUST TO BE SAFE.
LET'S MAKE SURE OF IT, HUH...
RAIN, HUH...
PON

AKABAKA-SAN, IS YOUR HEART PREPARED?
I CAN GO ANY TIME!

NOW IT'S ALRIGHT.

VERY WELL...

Will a Demon come out of there, or will it be a snake...

WHO IS IT?
IS SOMEONE THERE?
SORRY!
.....
COULD YOU OPEN THE DOOR FOR A MINUTE FOR ME?
I'M FROM THE POLICE.

WELL, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
WHAT A SUDDEN RAIN.
IT WAS QUITE TROUBLE-SOME.
I HEARD THIS PLACE IS THE STOREHOUSE OF THE FOREST SERVICE FIELD OFFICE.
WHAT, IT'S STRANGE.
ISN'T IT A DIFFERENT PLACE?
THIS PLACE WAS EMPTY SINCE VERY LONG AGO.
...AAH

HEE.
BUT, THIS IS THE BUILDING OF THE FOREST SERVICE FIELD OFFICE...

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU, THOUGH.
.....

ARE YOU FROM THE FOREST SERVICE FIELD OFFICE?

YOU'RE FROM THE POLICE OFFICE IN OKINOMIYA RIGHT?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MET...

HAHA
OH NOO...

This guy...
Trying to blind me all of a sudden!
...
!
HE'S NOT AN AMATEUR!
HAA

AS CHUBBY AS A CHUBBY SHOULD BE...
Guooh!!
HAVE SOME FUCKING SLEEP QUI— ETLY!!
キロ
……

THAT DELICATE TECHNIQUE...
Stop bugging me with that!!
Akasaka-san might get the cabinet minister's grandson at the backdoor...
Guu..

I'll show you how strong the chubby here is!
Very well.

CHII.

There's no doubt... it's the cabinet minister's grandson!
In other words, this guy is the kidnapper...

You'll surrender quietly!!
..Alright!

REINFORCE-MENT PATROL CARS WILL BE COMING IN NO TIME!
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE!!
HAND THAT BOY OVER HERE!
.....
YOU TELL ME TO HAND HIM OVER TO YOU...
WHO WOULD BE IDIOTIC ENOUGH TO DO THAT!!

IN THAT CASE..
YOU'LL GIMME HIM BACK THROUGH BRUTE FORCE!
!
I'm at a disadvantage carrying the brat. In that case...
Uwoo!?

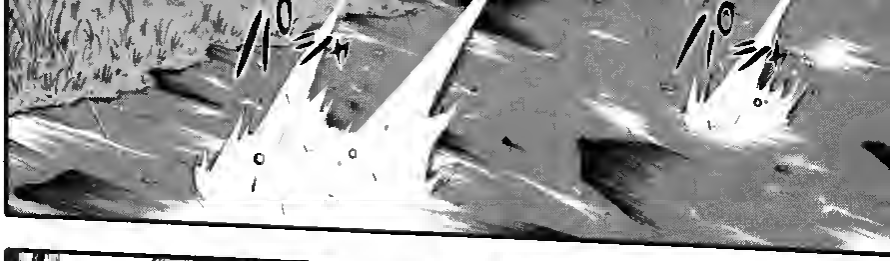
!?

TRYING TO BLIND ME...!?

WAIT!!

GUUU..

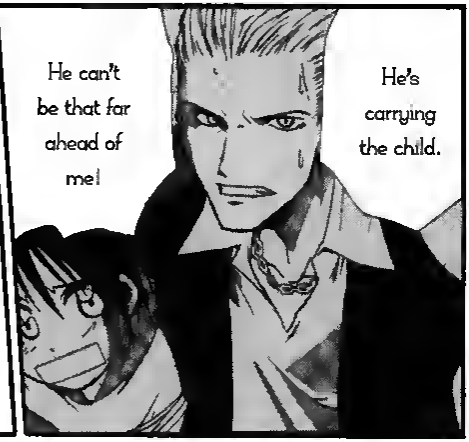
WA...



Haa
Haa
No...

Damn!
I lost sight of him...

Haa
Haa
It's only a matter of time till I catch up with him.


He can't be that far ahead of me!
He's carrying the child.

I'll defend and counter-attack...
Ambush!?
No problem!
It's the same attack as before.

KA..
HA...
HAVING COME THIS FAR, YOUR COLLEAGUE WILL NOT BE COMING FOR A WHILE, RIGHT...?
ミキ
WITHOUT THE HANDICAP, A BASTARD LIKE YOU IS NO MATCH...
Haa
I...
WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE..
Haa
YOU...

THEN, YOU'LL BE JUST A SANDBAG FOR ME...
ARE YOU STUPID ?!
Yoo!!
IN THAT CASE...
CHI, DUDE, YOU'RE STUBBORN.
I won't let you escape

WHAT ABOUT THIS?
.....
AAH.....

AAA..
GAA
BAA..

I ENDED UP WASTING A LOT OF TIME.
C'MON! WE'RE GOING.
HMM
HMMMMMM!!
QUIT RESISTING SO MUCH!
HMM
YUKIE...

MARRIAGE?
I'M GLAD, BUT...
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING..
I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME.
A PROMISE?
WHEREVER YOU GO..
WHATEVER HAPPENS..

PLEASE.
MAKE SURE TO COME BACK TO ME.
C'MON!
LET'S HURRY AND GO!

IF YOU STAY QUIET THE POLICE WON'T...
YOURE STILL ALIVE?
ドン
OOOOH!!
I guess I told you...
!
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Gaa...
I said you'd gimme him back through brute force!

...YOU
Haa
Haa
YOU'RE INUKAI TOSHIKI-KUN... RIGHT?
ARE YOU HURT?
NOW
IT'S ALRIGHT.

Haa
WHAT A RELIEF YOU'RE SAFE...
Haa
IT WAS REALLY A RELIEF.

UWAAAAAAAH

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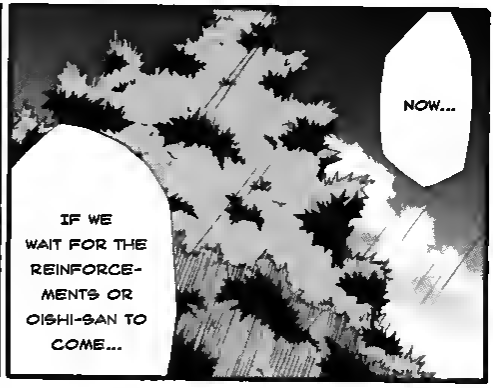
NOW...
IF WE WAIT FOR THE REINFORCE-MENTS OR OISHI-SAN TO COME...

OISHI-SAN!
Haa
Haa
RUN...
I PROTECTED TOSHIKI-KUN!
YOU WERE SAFE...
I ALSO PUT ONE OF THE CRIMINALS TO SLEEP!
AKASAKA-SAN...

..Eh?
GOOD GRIEF!

YOUR PARTNER WAS UNDER MY CARE.
Onii-chan!
Kuu..!
DO... DON'T WORRY.
WE WERE TOLD THAT BY THE HEAD HOUSE, AND WE WERE GOING EASY ON YOU.
LET US NOT HAVE POINTLESS KILLINGS HERE.

!
You took us too lightly so you'll die.
Public safety kid!

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HUU
HUU
HUU

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!?

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YOU'RE SHIVERING, AREN'T YOU?

What's happened to all of your impetus from before?
Public safety kid!
BAS-TARD!
OUCH..

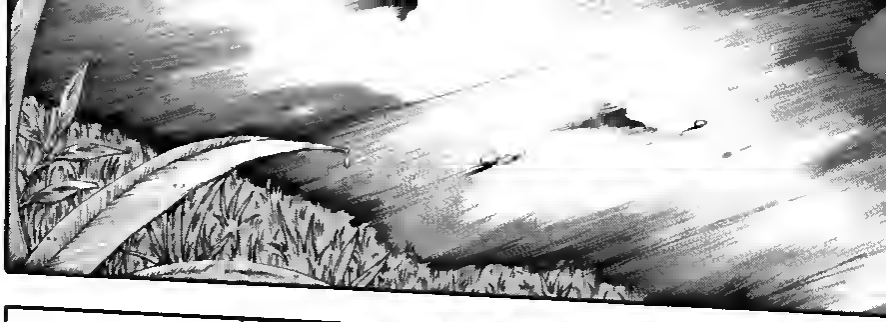
I'm so gonna kill you!!
This is really bad...!
That guy had a gun too!?
2 against 1...
Besides... The one who has a gun on our side is Oishi-san.

ボン
……
!?
Bastard!!
What the heck are you plotting...

!?
YOU GO AFTER THE GRANDSON!!
ROGER!
TCH!!
YOU INTENDED TO LET THE GRANDSON ESCAPE ALONE...!?

Buuh!?
DON'T THINK THAT ONLY A GUN CAN BE A WEAPON.
BAS-TARD..
DO YOU WANT TO DIE SO MUCH!!

FREEZE!
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO!
CHUBBY..
YOU BASTARD... SINCE WHEN DID YOU..
SINCE THE MOMENT AKASAKA-SAN MOVED...
HAD I NOT DONE THAT, EVEN THE EVER SO BRAVE AKASAKA-SAN..
WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN THAT RECK-LESS.
NICE TEAM WORK.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...



IT'S OVER, YOU'LL GIVE IN.
Right on time, huh...

OKAY. I'LL THROW IT AWAY.
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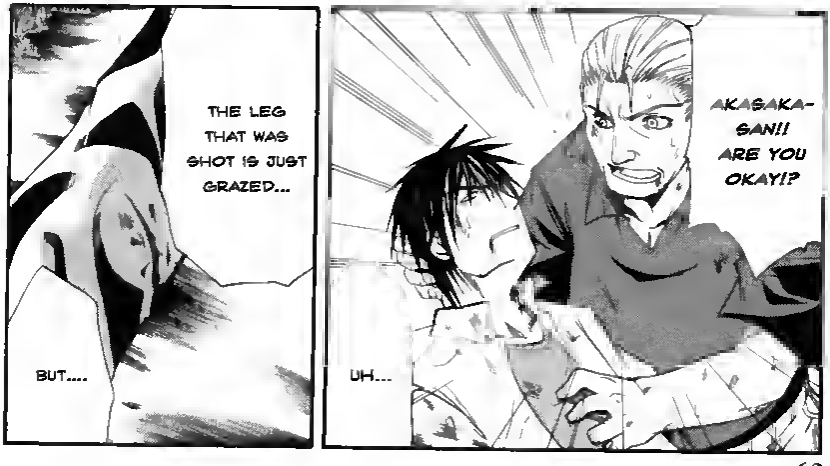
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE.
YOUR PARTNER FAINTED.
IN THAT CASE, THROW AWAY THE PISTOL AND RAISE BOTH HANDS UP.
...NICE DECISION.

!?
AAH...
Aka-saka-san!!

THEY'RE GONE!?
...CH!!

I cannot abandon Akasaka-san...
UUH...

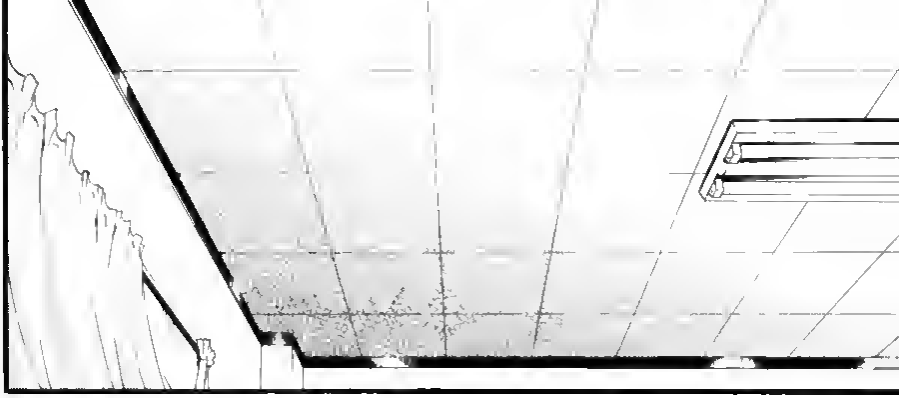

THE LEG THAT WAS SHOT IS JUST GRAZED...
BUT....
AKASAKA-SAN!! ARE YOU OKAY!?
UH...

This is bad...
His head and the shoulder..
...are bleeding too much.
STAY QUIET THERE AND WAIT FOR ME!
I'LL CALL SOME HELP FOR YOU!
AKASAKA-SAN! PLEASE, HANG IN THERE!!
I wonder what you were shouting
Oishi-san.

I don't feel anything..
Yukie...
...I can't see anything
Sorry... Maybe I won't be able to meet you anymore.
Is someone here...?
.....?

I see...
But, you know, Rika-chan...
You'll regret it.
This is what she meant, huh...
Be-cause..
This is the resuit of having stood up for what I believe In...
I do not regret.

Sorry...
Again, I couldn't hear you...
Aah...
Wait, Rika-chan.
Wait...
...Eh?



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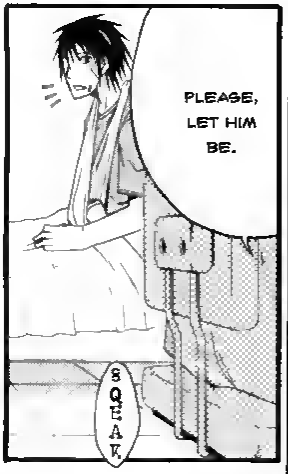
...A DREAM?


PLEASE, LET HIM BE.
SQEAK

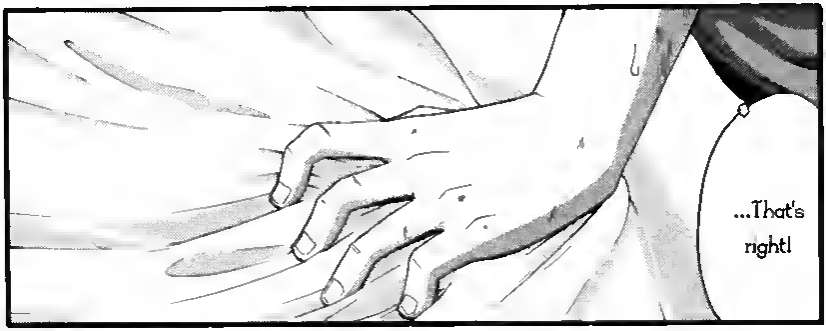
TOSHIKI-KUN...
ZZZZ

...WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
WAS WAITING BY YOUR SIDE THE WHOLE TIME.
THAT KID...
YOU HAD FAINTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS AND WERE CARRIED HERE BY THE POLICE.
THIS IS THE MEDICAL CLINIC OF HINAMIZAWA.
OH MY, IT SEEMS YOU FINALLY WOKE UP.
IT'S A BLESSING THAT THE WOUND ON YOUR LEG WAS JUST A SCRATCH BUT THE WOUND ON YOUR HEAD STILL NEEDS SOME EXAMINATIONS.
PLEASE, HAVE A REST FOR A WHILE.

OISHI-SAN..
DOCTOR IRIE, CAN YOU LEND ME AKASAKA-SAN FOR A MINUTE?
IF YOU NEED SOMETHING, PLEASE CALL ME IMMEDI-ATELY.
OKAY.
..THEN, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
DOES IT STILL HURT?
OUCH, OUCH..
ズキ ズキ
JUDGING BY THAT ASPECT OF YOURS, IT SEEMS YOU'RE OKAY.
OISHI-SAN!
WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMI-NALS...!?

I WONDER WHERE THEY DISAPPEARED TO?
I SEE...
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY FOR US TO SEIZE THEM.
IT'S A PITY, BUT IT SEEMS THEY RAN AWAY TO OUTSIDE THE PREFECTURE OR ARE BEING SHELTERED BY A VILLAGER..

TO NOT POKE OUR NOSES INTO THIS MATTER ANYMORE.
BUT... WE WERE TOLD BY A COLLEAGUE OF AKASAKA-SAN.
WELL, WE WOULDN'T LET THEM ESCAPE, THOUGH..


...That's right!

This kidnapping case was kept secret...
This kid...
Zzzzz
The cabinet minister's grandson, his protection is being kept secret as well.

The negotiations with the cabinet minister were completed.
And then... if by any chance.

...I'M VERY SORRY.
YES?
This very incident will become a thing that 'never happened'

...AKASAKA-SAN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU COOPERATED WITH ME SO MUCH...
SUCH A THING ENDED UP HAPPENING...
THIS KID IS SAFE.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH, ISN'T IT?
ALL BOTH OF US DO IS TO RECEIVE OUR SALARIES FROM THE COUNTRY AND WORK.
PLEASE, DO NOT WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
OISHI-SAN...
AT ANY RATE...

With this,
our demon extermination is over.
THEN, THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK,
IT WAS VERY THRILLING AND FUN.
.....YES

WOULDN'T YOU STAY IN OKINOMIYA FOR A WHILE MORE BY PRETENDING THE WOUND IS SERIOUS?
HA?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, AKASAKA-SAN.
THERE ARE STILL MANY SHOPS I WANT YOU TO KNOW,
AND SATO-SAN WAS ALSO SAYING HE WANTED TO PLAY MAHJONG AGAIN.
HA... HAHA!
I WANT TO HURRY BACK HOME AND SHOW MY FACE TO MY WIFE.
EEEH~~
I'M VERY SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.
AAH!?

I'LL MAKE A PHONE CALL AND BE BACK IN A MINUTE!
.....
THE TELE-PHONE !!
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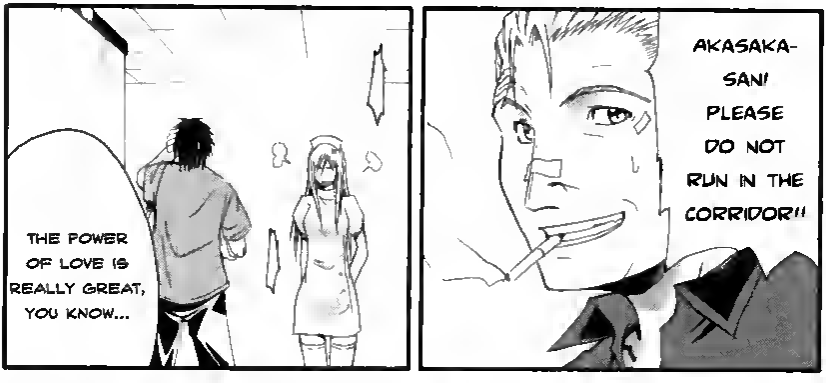
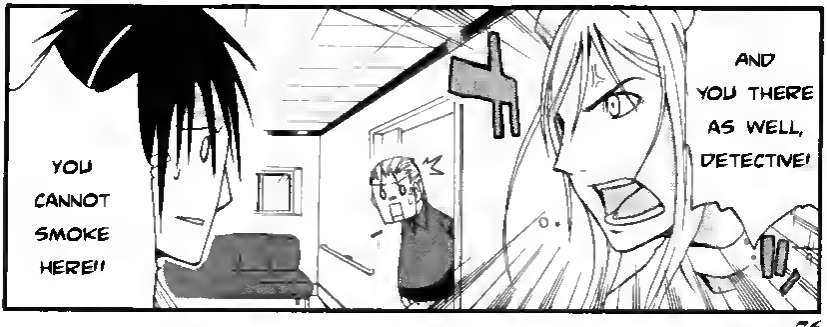
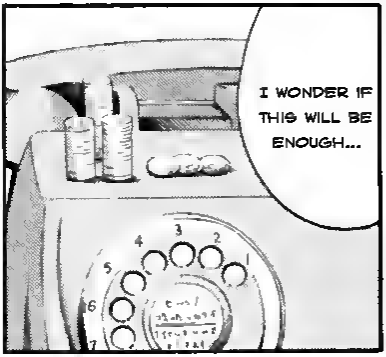
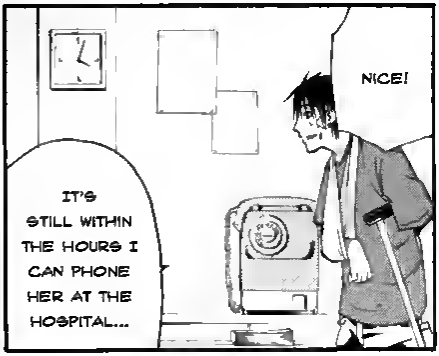

THE POWER OF LOVE IS REALLY GREAT, YOU KNOW...
AKASAKA-SAN! PLEASE DO NOT RUN IN THE CORRIDOR!!

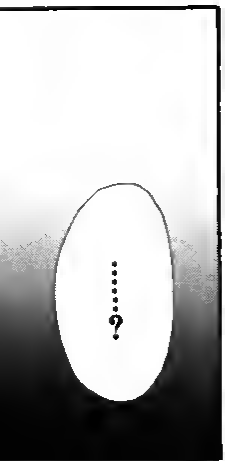

YOU CANNOT SMOKE HERE!!
AND YOU THERE AS WELL, DETECTIVE!

HA HAA
BUT...
IF I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR YUKIE'S VOICE, I CAN BEAR IT.

OUCH, OUCH...
MY BODY HURTS EVERY-WHERE...
Haa


I WONDER IF THIS WILL BE ENOUGH...


NICE!
IT'S STILL WITHIN THE HOURS I CAN PHONE HER AT THE HOSPITAL...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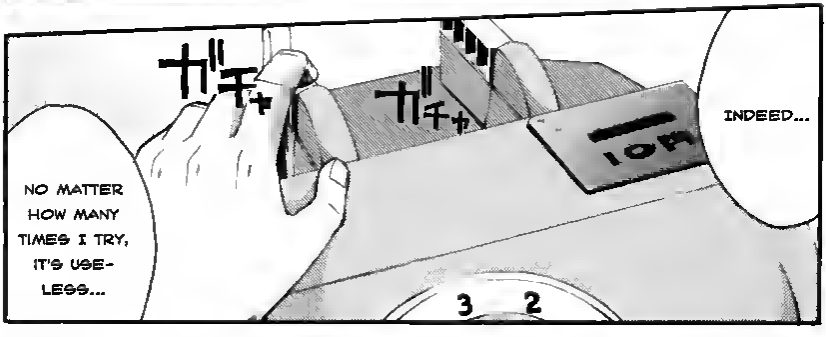
I WISH I HAD PREPARED BETTER FOR THIS...

THERE'S...
NO SOUND...?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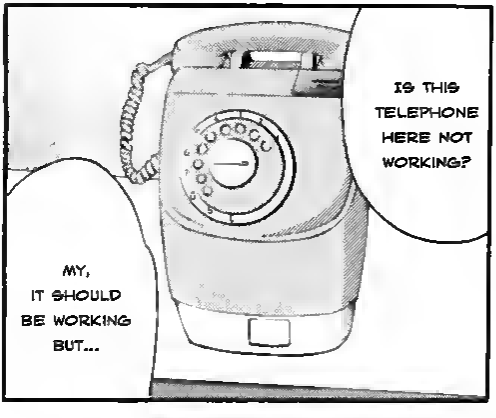
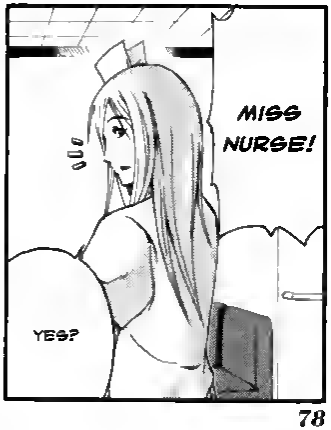
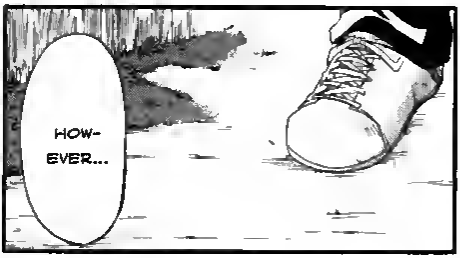
INDEED...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRY, IT'S USE-LESS...

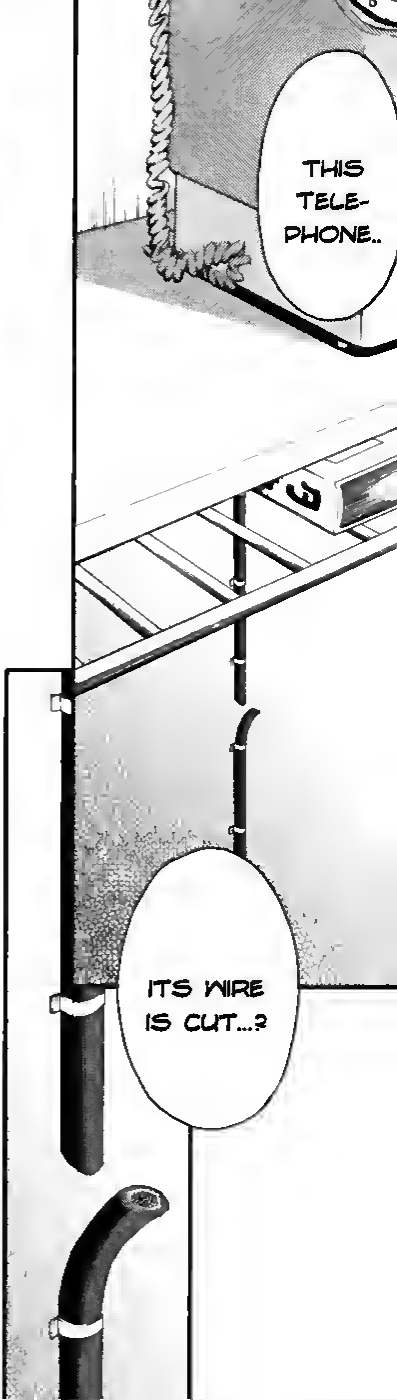

IS THIS TELEPHONE HERE NOT WORKING?
MY, IT SHOULD BE WORKING BUT...


MISS NURSE!
YES?

THE OFFICE'S..
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED...
NO... I'LL SEARCH A PUBLIC TELEPHONE OUTSIDE AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
AAH...
IF IT'S ALRIGHT FOR YOU, CAN I LEND YOU THE TELEPHONE IN THE OFFICE?
PLEASE, DO NOT TAKE TOO LONG~
.....?
GEEZ, HE'S ALL INJURED AND YET HE IS SO RECKLESS..

Hun
SINCE IT'S THE PHONE CALL I WAS WAITING FOR SO LONG TO MAKE..
Hun
I DON'T WANT TO TALK WORRYING ABOUT PEOPLE LOOKING AT ME...


HOW-EVER...


THIS TELE-PHONE..
ITS WIRE IS CUT...?

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN SIGHT.

COULD IT BE THAT..
I WON'T PASS BY ANYONE EVEN TO ASK ABOUT A WAY TO GET A TELEPHONE...

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED HER WHERE TO FIND PUBLIC TELE-PHONES...

AA!

AT THIS HOUR, THE QUIETNESS OF HINAMIZAWA IS BITTER...

HURRY..
HURRY..
TIME IS PRECIOUS.
I CAN STILL PHONE HER NOW...
I FOUND IT...!
EVEN A MINUTE IS TIME ENOUGH FOR ME...
I WANT TO HEAR YUKIE'S VOICE...!

IT'S CUT.
.....
..NO
IT WAS CUT WITH A SCISSORS OR SOME-THING...
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A PRANK...
I FEEL I GOT TIRED FOR NOTHING...
IT WAS A VAIN DELIGHT.

..IS IT MY IMAGINATION...?
?
I just felt...
I was being watched by someone.
..HAHAA
Could it be that..
The criminals came back to erase the people who knew their faces...?

I BETTER HURRY.
Haa
THERE'S NOT THAT MUCH TIME TO CALL HER ANYMORE...
I'M THINKING TOO MUCH, HUH...
ガキャ
Haa
Haa
EVEN SO..
HOW TIRESOME THIS CRUTCH THING IS...
.....

MAYBE
THERE'S STILL TIME TO CALL!
EVEN IF MY WORK JUST FINISHED...
I HAVE TO TELL HER WE'LL BE ABLE TO MEET VERY SOON...
I FOUND IT...!!
THERE'S..
NOTHING IN SIGHT...
OH NO.
Hau
Hau
IF IT GETS DARKER THAN THIS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND MY WAY BACK...

COULD IT BE THAT...
SOMEONE DID THIS TO THE TELPHONE AT THE MEDICAL CLINIC AS WELL...
IT'S CUT?
AGAIN...
.....

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!?
Again...
This is not just my imagination!
IS SOMEONE FOLLOWING ME...?

SOMEONE THERE?
PETA
PETA
.....
PETA
IS THERE...

RIKA-
CHAN...?
PETA
PETA

I WONDER
WHICH OF THEM
I WILL USE...
THESE
SCISSORS...

7 FATE

RIKA-CHAN...?
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU IN THIS PLACE?
COULD...
COULD IT BE THAT..

YOU WERE...
CUTTING THE PHONE CORDS AROUND HERE?
DID YOU KNOW I WAS TRYING TO MAKE A PHONE CALL...
.....
AND WERE DOING ALL OF THIS BEFORE I ARRIVED?

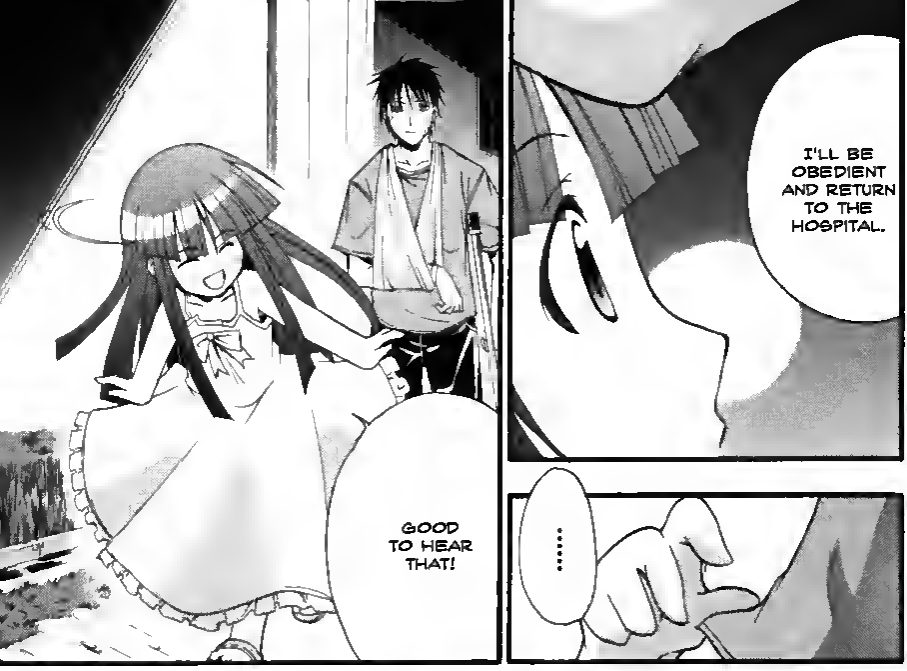
WHY ARE YOU DOING SUCH A THING?
WHY?!
WHY...
WHY ARE DOING THIS..?

NI
PAH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
...EH?
YOU DON'T KNOW..
THEN, THE SCISSORS YOU'RE CARRYING IN YOUR HANDS..

YOU'RE.. NOT CARRY-ING?
?
NIPAH
I'M NOT FRIGHT-ENED!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING... AHAHA-HAHAA
AKASAKA IS FRIGHTENED!

TONIGHT...
HAHAHA...?
RIKA-CHAN?
NOW...
THERE'S NOTHING FOR AKASAKA TO DO.
EVEN IF YOU SEARCH FOR A TELEPHONE, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

...certainly.
My body is also about to reach its limits... ouch ouch...
She's right about the time, though.
After so much trouble to find a telephone...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'll give Yukie a call.
First thing tomorrow morning..


I'LL BE OBEDIENT AND RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL..
GOOD TO HEAR THAT!
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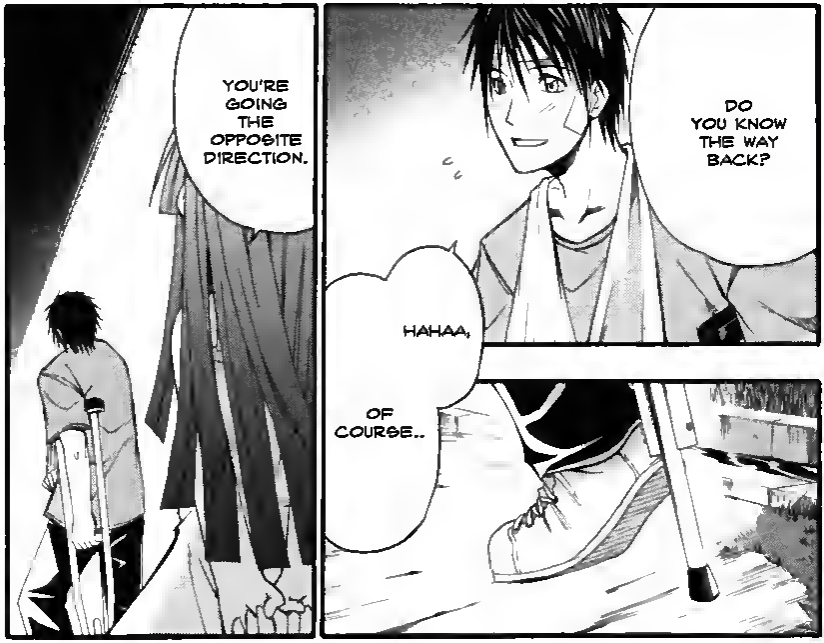
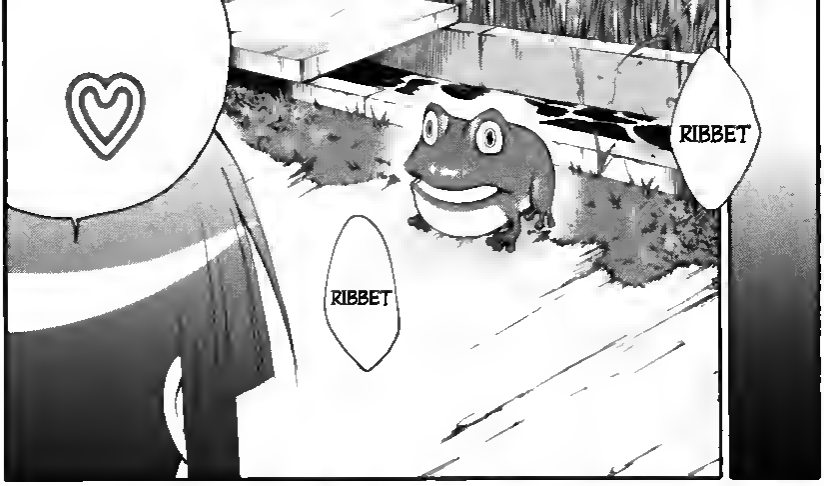

YOU'RE GOING THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
DO YOU KNOW THE WAY BACK?
HAHAA, OF COURSE..

NI
PAH
...RIKA-CHAN.
DO YOU... KNOW THE WAY?
WAI-WAIT A MINUTE...
HURRY~
TO HELP THE LOST CHILD AKABAKA..
I'LL BE THE GUIDE.
OUCH
OUCH
OUCH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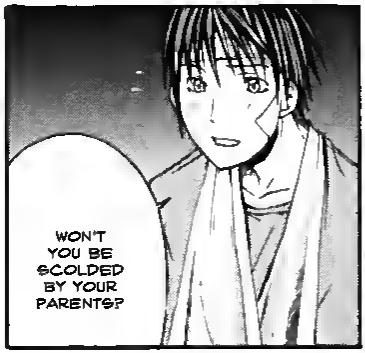

WON'T YOU BE SCOLDED BY YOUR PARENTS?

CAN YOU BE WALKING OUTSIDE AT THIS HOUR?
RIKA-CHAN.

I'M SURE THEY ARE WORRIED.
THAT'S NOT TRUE

SO I'M SURE THEY ARE FORGETTING ABOUT ME.
TODAY MY PARENTS ARE VERY BUSY.

IT'S ALRIGHT.
IT'S MORE INTERESTING TO BE TALKING WITH AKASAKA LIKE THIS!
AKASAKA, YOU TOO MUST NOT SNEAK OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
UUH...
That's not fair!
mii
THE... THE ADULTS CAN DO THAT.

I wonder what I was frightened of...
The kidnapping is over.
There's no way anything more will happen.
AH HA HA
Nipaah

The incident that happened in Hinam-izawa....
...IS OVER.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, RIKA-CHAN.
EARLIER YOU WERE SAYING YOUR PARENTS WERE VERY BUSY TODAY, RIGHT?
WITH WHAT ON EARTH WOULD THEY BE BUSY WITH...
?
THIS PLACE, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN...
THE SHRINE UP HERE IS RIKA-CHAN'S HOUSE
.....
IT'S SOMEWHAT BUSTLING THERE, HUH...
TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.
FESTIVAL?

THE FIRST AND ONLY FESTIVAL IN HINAMIZAWA...
THE 'WATANAGASHI' FESTIVAL.
WATA... NAGASHI?
IT IS A BORING THING THAT IS A FESTIVAL ONLY IN NAME.
.....
DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?

Hua
Hua
.....
..were these stairs this long before?
Hua
I should not have come.
AKABAKA...
I'M PERFECTLY FINE!

I'M GLAD...
THE GRANDSON WAS FOUND IN SAFETY.

I'M GLAD.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?
HOW...
WITH THIS, AKAGAKA CAN GO BACK TO TOKYO.

I see...
It was that, huh...
It's just as Oishi-san said.
This little girl... No. All the people of this village knew.

This was..
.....
RIKA-CHAN...
YOU KNEW EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
The village called Hinamizawa...

...THE PROBABILITY OF AKASAKA BEING ABLE TO LEAVE THIS VILLAGE ALIVE..
WAS NOT HIGH AT ALL.
I DO NOT WANT AKASAKA TO DIE.
SO...
I'M HAPPY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE ALIVE.

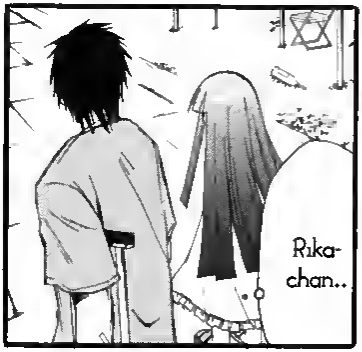
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL..
I SAVED YOUR LIFE.
Maybe..
She really is correct.
She gave a warning to me, an enemy.

RIKA-CHAN.
Perhaps..
She even tried to help me by doing other things
.....
THANK YOU.

Onigafuchi
Defend to the Death
A BORING FESTIVAL..
ISN'T IT?
CERTAINLY, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A FESTIVAL.
HAHA..

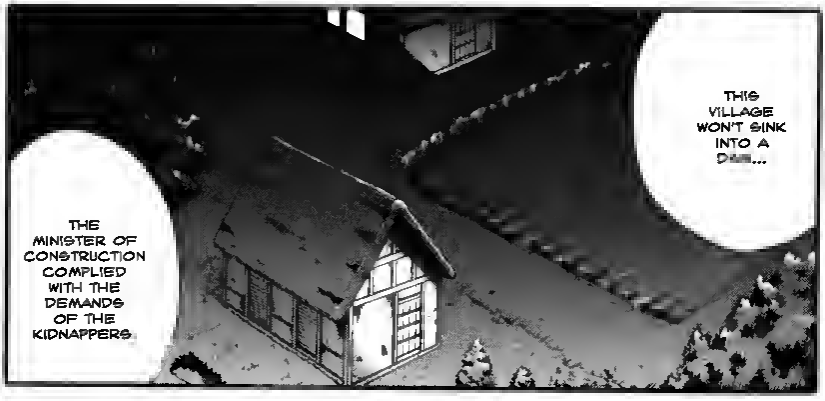
IT'S A FESTIVAL THAT HAS BEEN HELD SINCE A VERY LONG TIME AGO.
AND IT ENDED UP DECLINING COMPLETELY.
YOU CAN'T CALL THIS A FESTIVAL....
IT'S MORE LIKE A MERE DRINKING PARTY OF THE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD.
EVEN THE GOD BEING WORSHIPPED FEELS BITTER ABOUT THIS.
.....
IN 5 OR 6 YEARS...
...

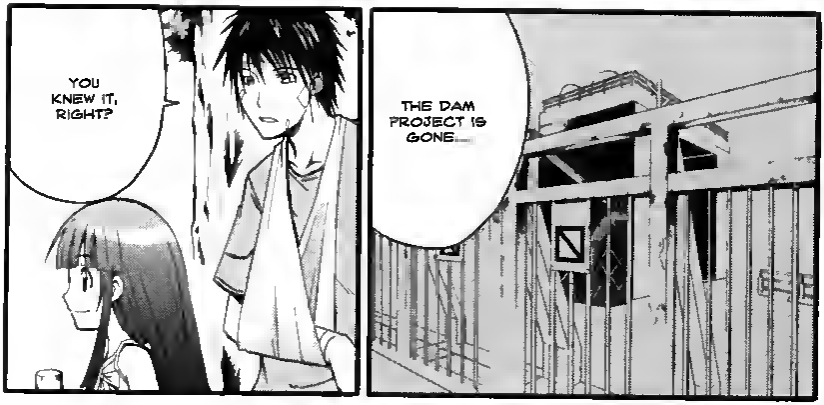
PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE WILL ALL COME HERE TOGETHER.
AND IT WILL BECOME A SPLENDID FESTIVAL WITH THE PROPER RITUALS TOO.


Rika-chan..

LET'S TALK A BIT IN A PLACE WITH NICE SCENERY.
AKASAKA!
OKAY...

..THINGS WENT IN ACCOR-DANCE TO WHAT RIKA-CHAN SAID.
EVEN THIS VILLAGE LOOKS TRANQUIL.
WHEN WE GAZE AT IT LIKE THIS...


THE MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLIED WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS.
THIS VILLAGE WON'T SINK INTO A DAM...


YOU KNEW IT, RIGHT?
THE DAM PROJECT IS GONE...

BUT, THE ONE WHO SAVED THE GRANDSON WAS AKASAKA.
YOU TRIED REALLY HARD. ♡
HAHA.
NIPAAH
I DON'T UNDERSTAND DIFFICULT THINGS VERY WELL.
.....
WITH THIS, THE PEACE WILL RETURN TO THIS VILLAGE..
WHY?
.. BUT I'M GLAD.

Peace?
In this village..?
...RIKA-CHAN?
giggle
BLOODY EVENTS WILL occur?
EVEN THOUGH, FROM NOW ON, EVERY YEAR...
You know.
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
RIKA-CHAN?

In some years..
I'll be killed.

Ki...
Probably...
KILLED..?
It's a very unpleasant thing but...
That is a thing that has already been decided.

8 SEPARATION

WHY...
RIKA-CHAN WILL?
'BE KILLED'...

IT'S A VERY UNPLEASANT THING BUT...
'DECIDED'...
WHO WOULD DECIDE A THING LIKE THAT?
IT IS PROBABLY A THING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED UPON.
WHO...?

WHOSE PLAN WOULD THIS BE?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT AS WELL.

Who would do it to me...
ギュッ
RIKA-CHAN...
...Yes

.....

EVEN SO...
THE CABINET MINISTER'S GRANDSON WAS SET FREE.
YOU SAY THE CASE IS NOT OVER YET?
AND THIS VILLAGE WON'T SINK INTO A DAM ANY-MORE...

THE UPROAR OF THIS TIME... YES.
IT'S NOT OVER...
IT WAS JUST SOMETHING LIKE 'KILLING TIME' FOR THEM.
BECAUSE IT DIDN'T EVEN START YET.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW,
OR WHAT'S MAKING YOU UNEASY, BUT...
RIKA-CHAN.

YOU DON'T KNOW...
THIS VILLAGE IS FULL OF MURDERERS.
AND PEOPLE WHO CARE NOTHING ABOUT THE LIVES OF OTHERS.
YOU SHOULD NOT SAY SO THOUGHT-LESSLY..
SOMETHING LIKE YOU'LL BE KILLED.
?
Firstly, next year..

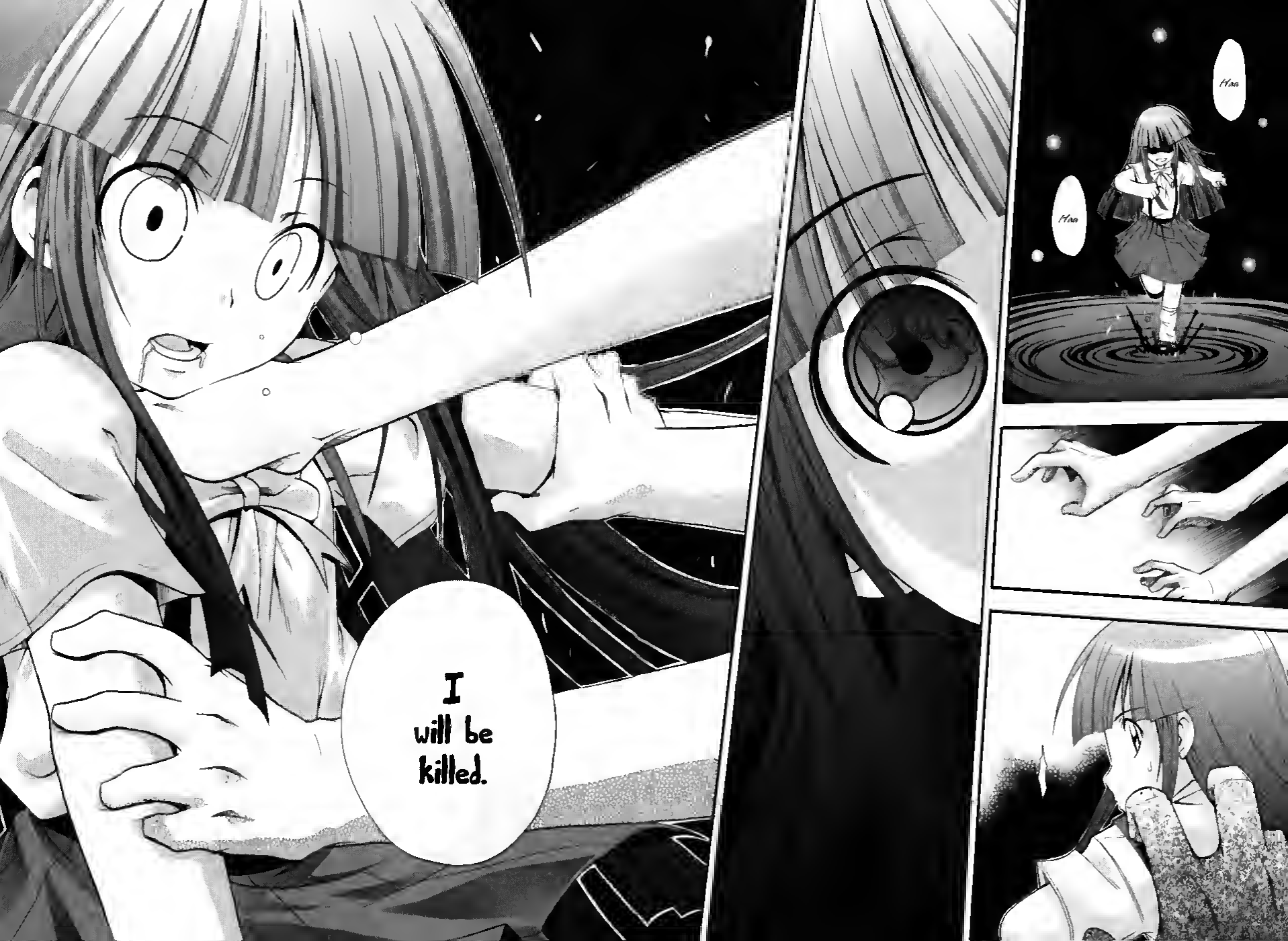
On this day of Showa 54...
The dam site manager will be killed and torn into pieces.

!?
RIKA-CHAN.
SO, THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE ANGRY ANYWAY?
'MAN-AGER'...
THE ONE OF THE DAM CON-STRUCTION SITE?
THE DAM CONSTRUCTION IS ALREADY GONE...
IN SPITE OF THAT, FOR WHAT REASON WOULD THAT PERSON BE KILLED?
In the following year...

In this day of June of Showa 55...
Satoko's parents will die.
...Maybe I should say it'll be an accident.
An unfortunate accident..
Again, in this day of the following year, the year 56..
My parents will be killed.
Again, in this day of the following year, the year 57..
Satoko's mean aunt will have her head smashed and will die.

For the sake of their purposes...
All the deaths that will happen from now on...
One can think of them as convenient to those who control this village...
They won't choose the means.

On this day of June in Showa 58
And then...
Or a few days later...


I will be killed.
Haa
Haa

They will stuff up my mouth with something.
I'll lose consciousness.
And like that..
My life will come to an end...

HOW...
.....
HOW DO YOU KNOW SUCH THINGS?
.....
I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW THESE THINGS...

I END UP SEEING THEM..
BUT AGAINST MY WILL...
MANY...
AND MANY TIMES OVER..
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T INTEND TO TELL YOU THESE THINGS...
BUT...

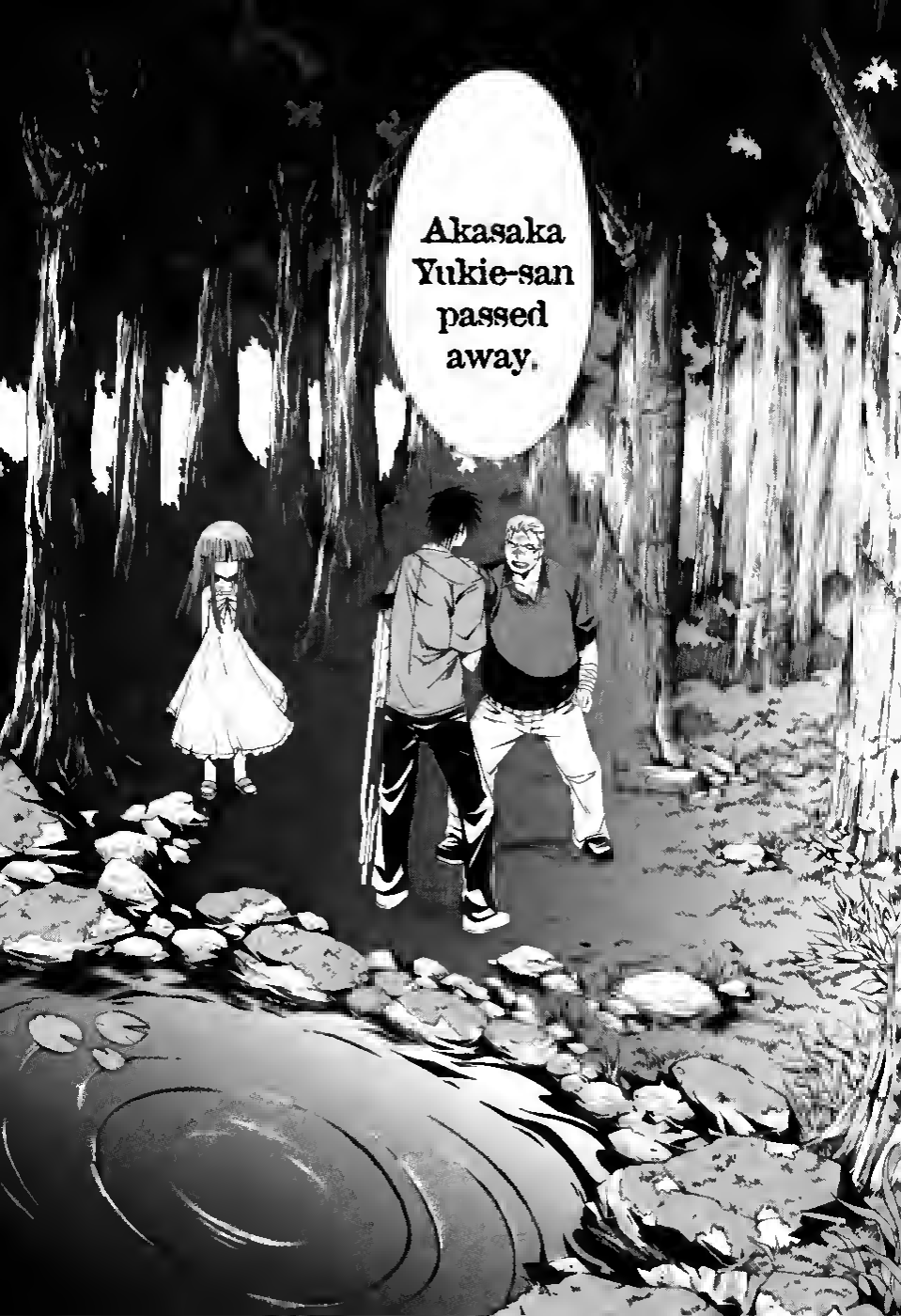
IN ORDER TO ERASE THE MOON CALLED DEATH REFLECTED ON THE WATER'S SURFACE...
I WANTED TO TRY THROWING PEBBLES ON IT.
MAYBE NOTHING WILL CHANGE BUT...
RIKA-CHAN...
Akasaka...

That's all I want.
I do not desire anything beyond that...
RIKA-CHAN...
I want to be surrounded by the friends I love.
And spend my days pleasantly.
...I want to live.

RIKA-CHAN.
Aka-saka-san!!
I don't want to die!
RI...

SO YOU WERE IN THIS PLACE ..
I'M... I'M VERY SORRY!
Hua
Hua
Hua
I SNEAKED AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL ON MY OWN AND...
I PLANNED TO RETURN THERE IMMEDIATELY BUT...
OISHI-SAN...

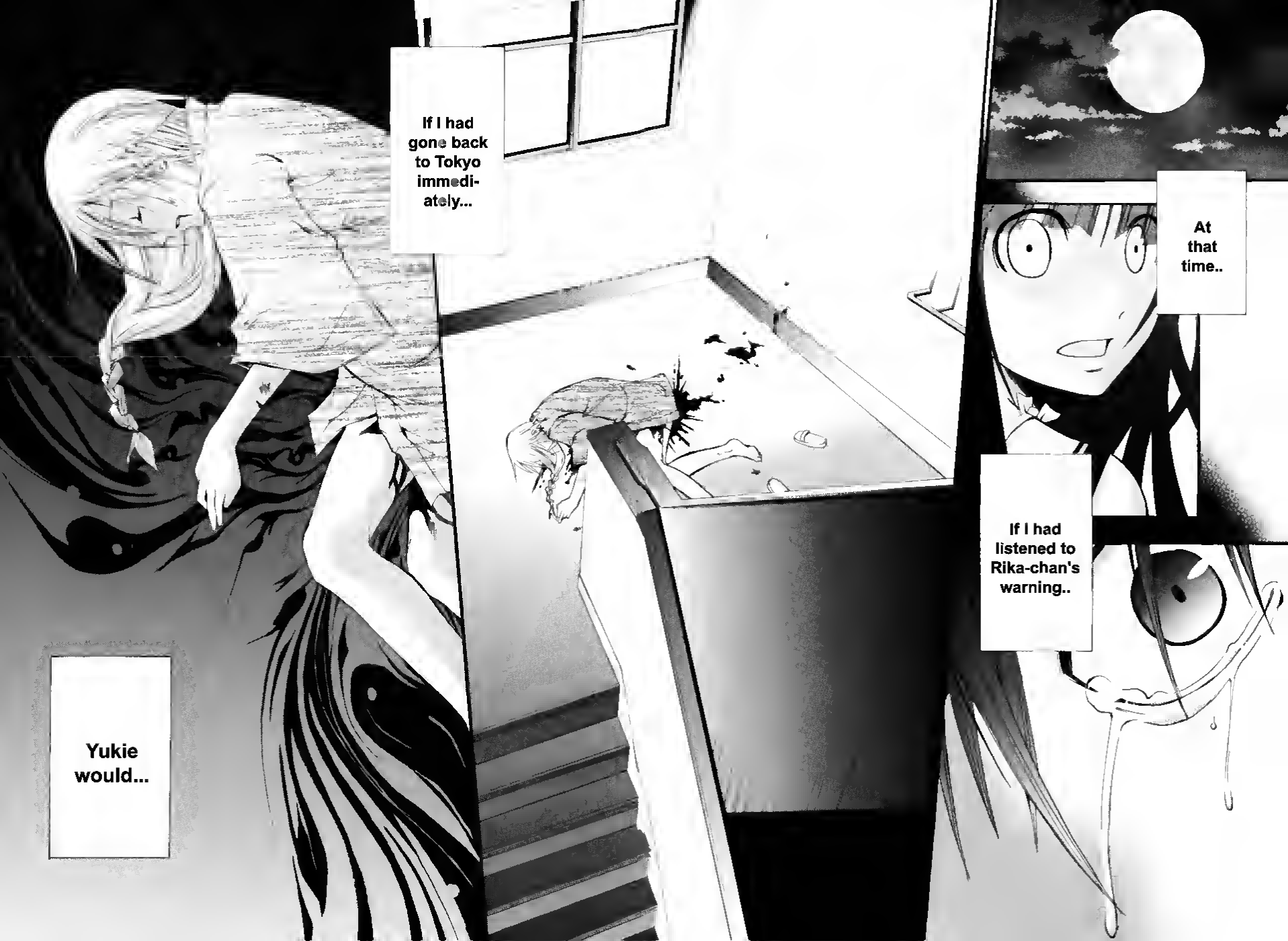
!?
WAI... OISHI-SAN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO ANG...
AKASAKA-SAN.
JUST NOW...
PLEASE, CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME...


Akasaka Yukie-san passed away.

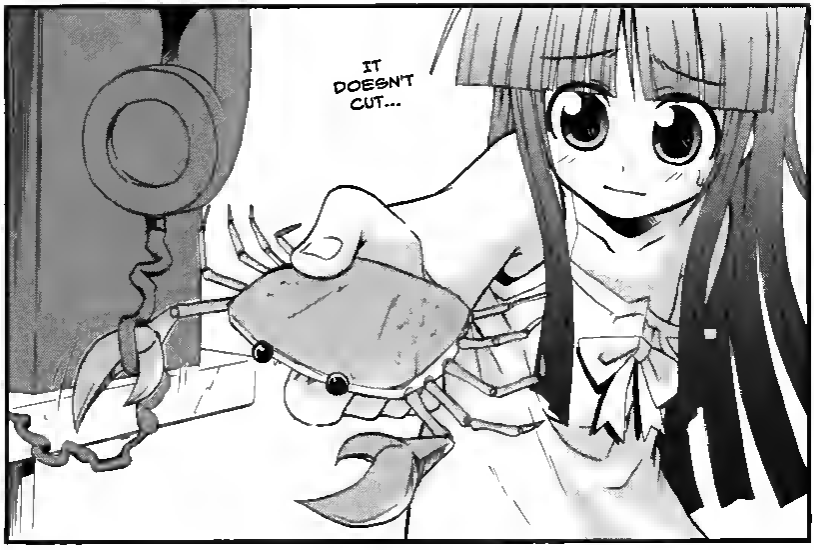
...EH?
YUKIE...?
SHE FELL FROM THE STAIRS IN THE HOSPITAL..
YOU HAVE TO HURRY BACK TO TOKYO AND..

GO BACK TO TOKYO.

That's what she meant.
I see...
That warning was not about the fight with the kidnappers..
YOU'LL SERIOUSLY REGRET HAVING COME TO THIS VILLAGE.


If I had gone back to Tokyo immedi-ately...
At that time..
If I had listened to Rika-chan's warning..
Yukie would...

Aah...
YUKIE WOULD NOT HAVE DIED?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!


IT DOESN'T CUT...

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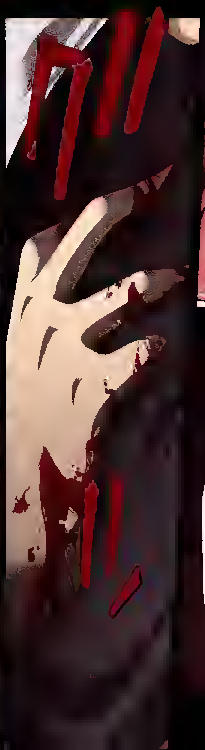


AH....
EVEN THOUGH YOU PROMISED ME
THAT YOU'D COME BACK...

I GUESS I WARNED YOU.
A THING LIKE THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.
RIKA-CHAN...
IF YOU HAD GONE BACK TO TOKYO AT THAT TIME...

MIYUKI...
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM?
PAPA...
ARE YOU OKAY?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL ARRIVE IN HOKKAIDO VERY SOON.
I can't stand it.
And it's already been seven years since then...

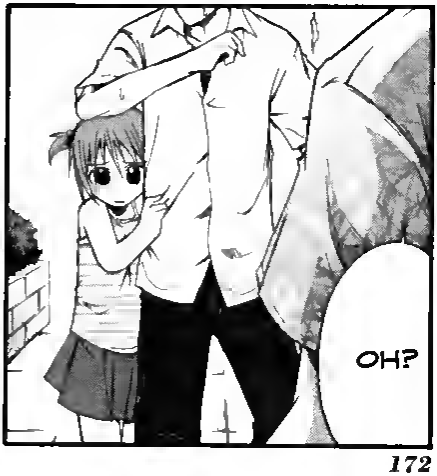
IT'S REFRESH-ING!
AND SPAAA-CIOUS!
Kyaa
Kyaa
THIS HOKKAIDO IS AMAZING!
..I SEE.
AND HIIIIGH!
HMHUUHU!
A NICE PLACE, HUH~

HMHUUHU!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

Oishi-san!!
IYAA
I WONDER HOW MANY YEARS IT'S BEEN?

HA HA
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR ACTIVI-TIES..

Miyuki!
Greet him prop-erly!


OH?

SINCE UNCLE HERE HAS A SCARY FACE, HUH?
SHE'S NOT ALWAYS LIKE THIS BUT...
IF YOU DON'T MIND, COULD YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME?
HMM HUUHU, IT CAN'T BE HELPED..
...AKASAKA MIYUKI.
I'M SEVEN YEARS OLD.

HOKKAIDO IS A NICE PLACE.
IT'S BEEN ONLY A YEAR SINCE I RETIRED BUT...
THE AIR AND THE FOOD ARE TASTY...
THE SCENERY IS PRETTY.
...BESIDES.
AND ABOVE ALL, THE NORTHERN PROVINCES HAVE LOTS OF PRETTY GIRLS!
HMMHUUHU

It makes us forget..
About painful and sad things.

SHE'S ALREADY SEVEN YEARS OLD, HUH..
SHE'S A NICE AND HEALTHY KID.
YES

..AT THAT TIME.

THE NIGHT I TOLD YOU ABOUT YUKIE-SAN'S DEATH..
AT THAT TIME, YOU WERE IN A TERRIBLE STATE...

I EVEN THOUGHT YOU MIGHT DO SUCH A THING...
BUT YOU STOOD FIRM.
...YES.
PERHAPS YOU WERE EVEN THINKING OF DYING TO GO AFTER HER.
YOU COULDN'T EVEN MOVE BY YOUR OWN FORCES.
YOU WERE SO WRETCHED IT WAS HARD EVEN TO LOOK AT YOU...

BECAUSE..
MIYUKI WAS ALIVE..
I SAW MIYUKI DESPERATELY TRYING TO LIVE.
AND THEN I UNDER-STOOD.
AT THAT TIME WHEN I COULD SEE NOTHING BUT HOPE-LESSNESS.
AT THE HOSPITAL WHERE YUKIE HAD PASSED AWAY...

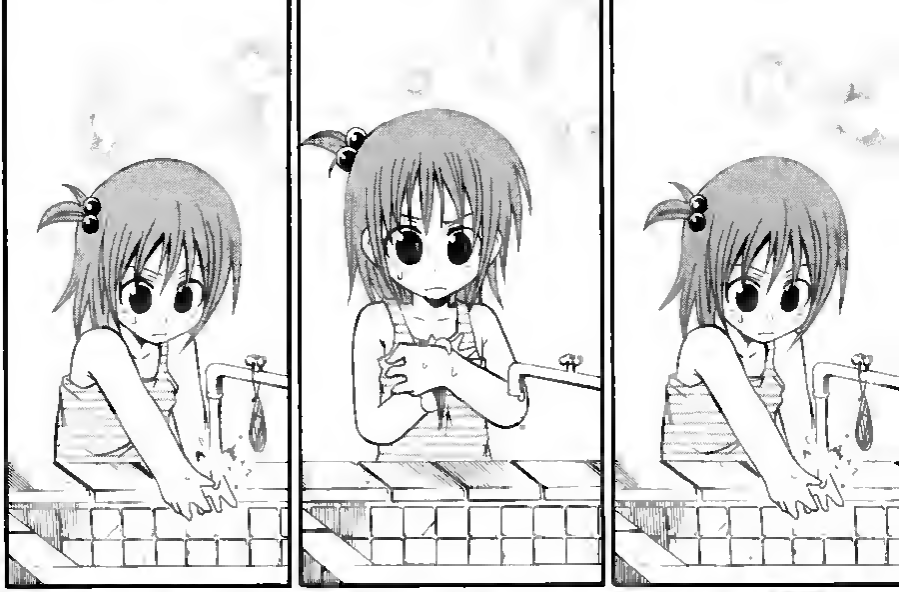
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
TO TELL THE TRUTH...
BUT...
I WANTED TO COME TO MEET OISHI-SAN EARLIER.
YOU'D END UP REMEMBERING IT ANYWAY.
THAT YUKIE
KINDLY PROTECTED THAT CHILD..

EVEN SO, YOU CAME TO MEET ME.
I'M GLAD FOR THIS.
.....
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO IN HOKKAIDO?
...BUT, DID SOMETHING URGENT HAPPEN?

OISHI-SAN..
MU!

WHA, WHAT'S WRONG?
I...

NO...
Can you wait just a bit more!?
I WANT TO GO TO THE TOILET..
Oishi-san, please hurry!
Ye... Yes!
UUH...



HMMHUUHU
WHAT A MATURE CHILD YOU HAVE.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, EVEN THOUGH SHE PROBABLY FEELS LONELY WITHOUT HER MOTHER..
I PRACTICALLY HAVE MY PARENTS-IN-LAW LOOKING AFTER HER BUT...
IT SEEMS THEY TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER FOR ME.

I'M ALWAYS BEING ENCOURAGED BY HER.
...I SEE.
WHAT...?
TODAY, IT'S BEEN EXACTLY TWO YEARS SINCE THEN...
I SEE...

WHAT ABOUT
Hinamizawa now?
SINCE THE HINAMIZAWA VILLAGE PERISHED

Yes.
Being a catastrophe with thousands of victims, is still fresh in our memory
The great disaster of Hinamizawa

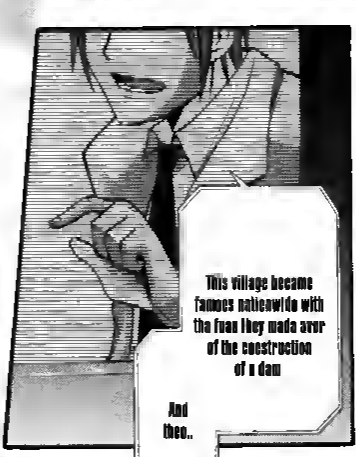
.....
Entering Hinamizawa or even flying over its skies is still forbidden.
And even now, two years after the incident.
NO TRESPASSING
The disaster was caused by an extremely toxic volcanic gas

I'VE BEEN THINKING LIKE THIS.
..LATELY
'THOSE THREE DAYS I SPENT IN HINAMIZAWA'
'ALL OF THEM WERE A DREAM, WEREN'T THEY?'
...YES.

PAPAAA!
ICE CREAM
LET'S EAT THAT!
AND THAT LITTLE GIRL TOO..

However, since at the present time there are effects of the disaster in the place.

Police investigations have been interrupted.



This village became famous nationwide with the fuss they made over the construction of a dam.

And then..

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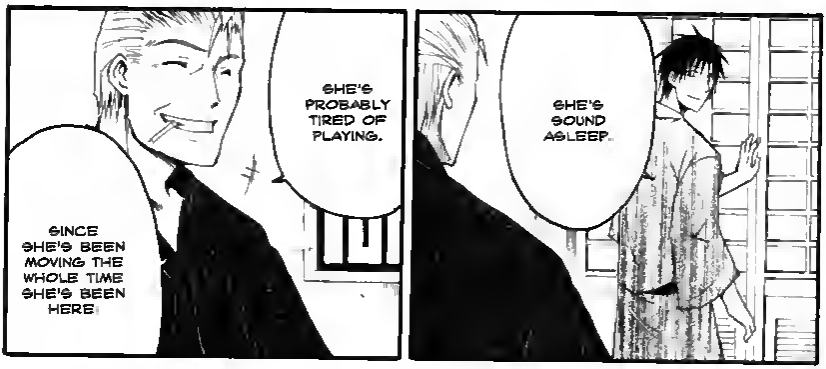

SHE'S PROBABLY TIRED OF PLAYING.
SINCE SHE'S BEEN MOVING THE WHOLE TIME SHE'S BEEN HERE.
SHE'S SOUND ASLEEP.

THANKS TO YOU I COULD GIVE A NICE SUMMER VACATION PRESENT TO THAT CHILD.
HMM HUUHU.
THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
.....
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A COMPLETE PAPA FACE.
AKASAKA-SAN, INDEED, YOU'VE CHANGED.
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE TO TRY MY BEST, INCLUDING HER MOTHER'S SHARE IN IT.

THE PEOPLE FROM THE HOSPITAL TOLD ME..
SHE SLIPPED ON THE STAIRS.
...THAT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

AT NIGHT, SHE WENT UP TO THE ROOFTOP
AND PRAYED FOR MY SAFETY.
ON THE DAYS THERE WERE NO PHONE CALLS FROM ME..

IF I HAD RETURNED TO TOKYO IMMEDI-ATELY..
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...

THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE AT ALL, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!
.....
YUKIE WOULD NOT HAVE DIED.
WAI...
AKA-SAKA-SAN!
I WAS WARNED...
OISHI-SAN, YOU TOLD ME AT HINAMIZAWA VILLAGE..
THAT SHE COULD PREDICT THE FUTURE..
A WARNING.. WHO WARNED YOU?

Furude Rika predicted...
Yukie's accident.
...BUT, ARE YOU SURE?
IF WE ASSUME THAT FURUDE RIKA COULD PREDICT THE FUTURE AS AKASAKA-SAN SAYS...
NAA HAA HAA!
OISHI-SAN! THIS IS NOT SOME-THING TO LAUGH AT...
OF COURSE, I'M SORRY.

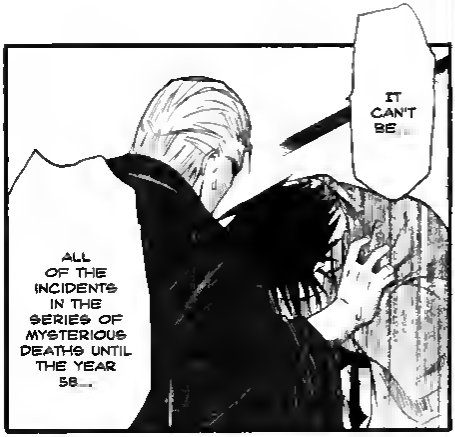
In that case, why...
Couldn't she foresee the gas disaster?
.....
IF SHE HAD GIVEN THE VILLAGERS EVEN A FEW HOURS OF WARNING..
MAYBE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT HAVE DIED.
THAT IS...
...WELL..

OYASHIRO-SAMA IS THE GUARDIAN GOD OF HINAMIZAWA.
FURUDE RIKA WAS CONSIDERED TO BE HIS REINCARNATION.
WAI... WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE?
SHE WAS KILLED!?
SHE WAS KILLED AND THE WRATH OF THE GOD WAS PROVOKED.
EVEN STORIES LIKE THAT WERE TOLD, YOU KNOW?
T-THIS IS OFF-THE-RECORD BUT..
FURUDE RIKA WAS KILLED BEFORE THE DISASTER
SO, RIKA-CHAN..
DIDN'T DIE IN THE GAS DISASTER...

She was put to sleep with drugs and had her abdomen cut open while she was still alive.
And she had her internal organs drawn out and scattered all around on purpose, so I heard.

IT WAS BRUTAL...
IT CAN'T BE..
OISHI-SAN...
WHAT IS IT?
THAT LITTLE GIRL ALSO PREDICTED SHE WOULD BE KILLED!
!?
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
AND NOT ONLY THAT...

THE OLD MAN'S CASE...?
THE MUTILATION MURDER OF SHOWA 54 TOO...
COULD IT BE THAT..
THE DEATH OF HOUJOU SATOKO'S AUNT IN THE YEAR 57
AND THEN...
THE DEATH OF RIKA-CHAN'S PARENTS IN THE YEAR 56
THE DEATH OF HOUJOU SATOKO'S PARENTS IN THE YEAR 55


IT CAN'T BE...
ALL OF THE INCIDENTS IN THE SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS DEATHS UNTIL THE YEAR 58...

Her own death in the year 58 as well...

THEN...

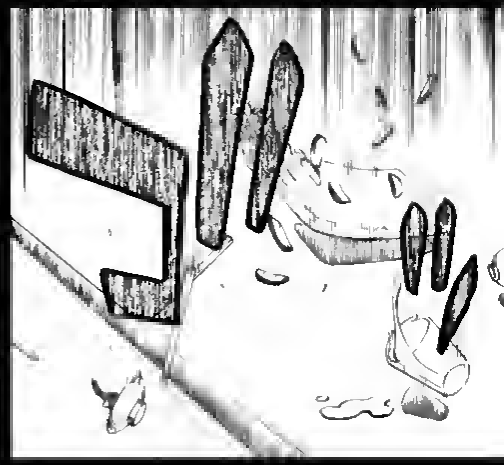
...BUT
IN THAT CASE, I WONDER..

ALL THE INCIDENTS HAD THEIR SCENARIOS PREPARED SINCE MANY YEARS BEFORE THEY HAPPENED...?
COULD IT BE THAT..

WHY FURUDE RIKA DID NOT RUN AWAY?
IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR HER TO RUN AWAY OR SEEK HELP, BUT EVEN SO...
WHY DID SHE ACCEPT IT WITHOUT RESISTING..?
...EH?
SHE HAD HAD SOME YEARS BEFORE SHE GOT KILLED..

I
want
to
live...

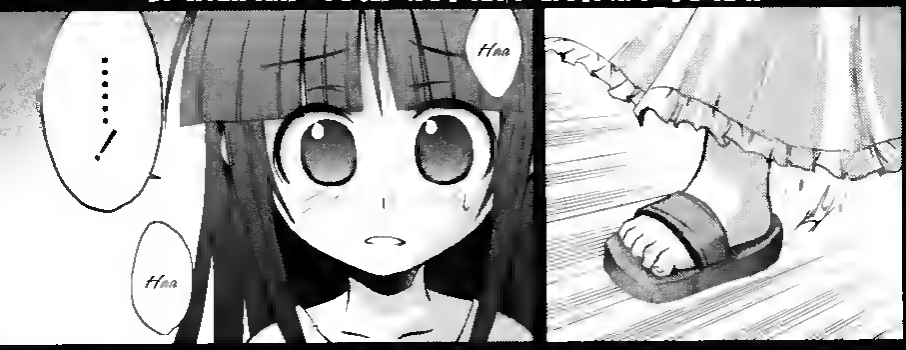
THAT'S NOT IT.....



SHE HAD NOT ACCEPTED HER DEATH

If I had known about Yukie's death immediately

I would probably have been crushed by despair and would not have listened to her



For that reason, she.....

WANTED A LITTLE TIME TO SEEK HELP...

AH..
THAT GIRL...!!
WAS THAT DESPERATE, WASN'T SHE...

I want to live...

IF I HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY TO HER WORDS

IF I WERE THERE IN JUNE OF SHOWA 58

I COULD HAVE PROTECTED HER...
I'M SURE I COULD HAVE SAVED HER LIFE

AAAAAAAAAAH!!
AKASAKA-SAN...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?
SHE CAME TO ME SEEKING MY HELP.
WHA...

I WAS UNABLE TO REALIZE IT...
BUT..
THAT CHILD TOLD ME ABOUT YUKIE'S DEATH, BUT EVEN SO.
I WAS NOT ABLE TO REALIZE EVEN THAT.
IF I HAD TAKEN THAT WARNING SERIOUSLY..
I COULD HAVE PREVENTED YUKIE'S ACCI-DENT.
AND THE DECIDED DEATH OF THE LITTLE GIRL, MY SAVIOR, AS WELL..

RIKA-CHAN HAD
PLACED HER HOPES IN ME TO DO THAT, AND EVEN SO...!!

AKASAKA-SAN.
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I...

O... OISHI-SAN!?
IF YOU WANT TO BE BLAMED, I CAN HIT YOU AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WISH.
BUT, YOU KNOW..
GAAH...!?

BUT...
THINGS... I CAN DO?
THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO TOO, RIGHT?
SHE'S ALREADY DEAD!
FROM SUCH A TRAG-EDY...
I COULD NOT SAVE HER..

That's right.
Since you were a novice, you could not save her.
UUUH...
But...
Now, you're differ-ent!

Let's disclose all the truth.
IF YOUR STORY IS TRUE, ALL THE INCI-DENTS WERE PLANNED.
IN THAT CASE, THE WAY TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER CHANGES COMPLETELY.
DIS-CLOSE..?
I did set foot on the sites of all the incidents in the series of misterious deaths.

If I am with you who received the revelations of the truth from Furude Rika..
The two of us..
Will find the truth..?
MIYUKI...
KUNSA
PAPA... ARE YOU CRYING?
AAH, THIS IS...
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM AGAIN?

ARE YOU OKAY?

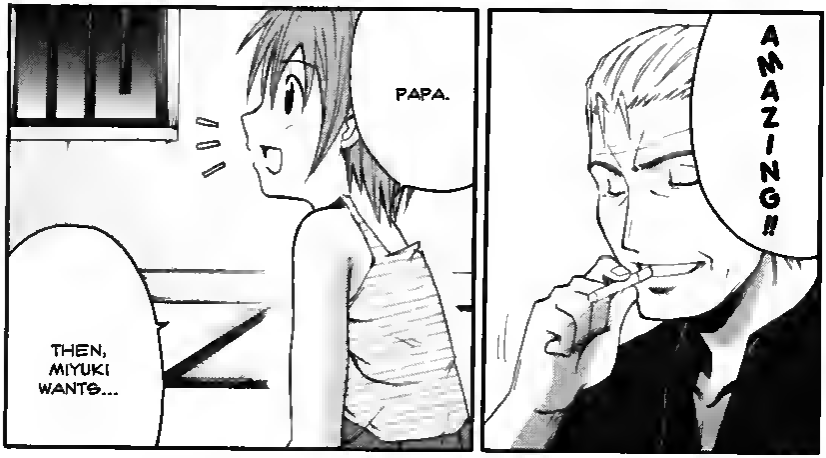
EEH?
WAIT... PAPA!

THAT SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS DEATH STILL HAS A CONTINUATION...
AKASAKA-SAN.
ON THE DAY OF THE WATANAGASHI OF SHOWA 58...
ON THE NEXT DAY, THE DOCTOR COMMITTED SUICIDE.
A MALE PHOTOGRAPHER HAD A STRANGE DEATH AND HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS BURNED TO DEATH.
AND THEN...
MY SUBORDINATE TOO...

FOR THE SAKE OF THAT CHILD AS WELL...
WE'LL HAVE THEM CONTINUE!
...YES.
PAPA, 'THAT CHILD'?
I WILL NOT LET THEM END!
HOW-EVER.
WITH THAT GREAT DISASTER, EVERYTHING BECAME EVEN HAZIER.
EVEN SO, THE INVES-TIGATIONS ARE NOT OVER YET...
NO!

WOOOW
AN ANGEL!?
I HAPPENED TO MEET A GIRL WHO LOOKED LIKE AN ANGEL.
BEFORE MIYUKI WAS BORN, YOU KNOW.

BUT, SHE WAS A VERY STRONG CHILD.
SHE WAS CUTE, KIND...


PAPA.
THEN, MIYUKI WANTS...
AMAZING!!

TO BECOME FRIENDS
WITH THAT CHILD!
...YES.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SOME-DAY, WE'LL MEET HER TOGETH-ER.

In that summer
When the cicadas cry...
In a later year..
A book related to the Hinamizawa village is published.

The book compiles the incidents in the series of mysterious deaths, including even the great disaster, all together.

It was created in hopes that the incidents wouldn't be forgotten.

This is what is written down in the afterword at the end...

WHY HAS THIS TRAGEDY HAPPENED?
WITH ONLY US, THE TRUTH BEHIND IT WON'T COME TO LIGHT
...
PLEASE, YOU WHO DID READ THIS
CLEAR UP THE TRUTH FOR US
...
THAT IS OUR ONLY WISH

HIMATSUBUSHI-HEN

END

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"WHEN THEY CRY..."

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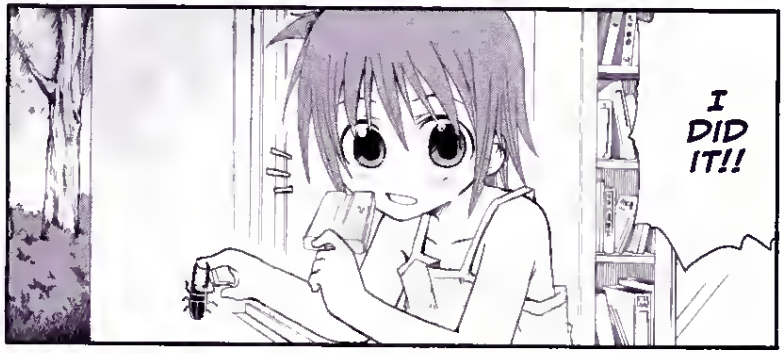

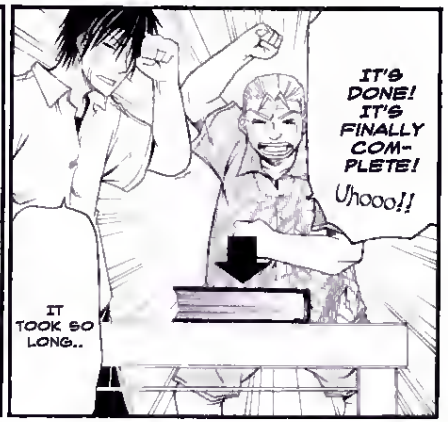

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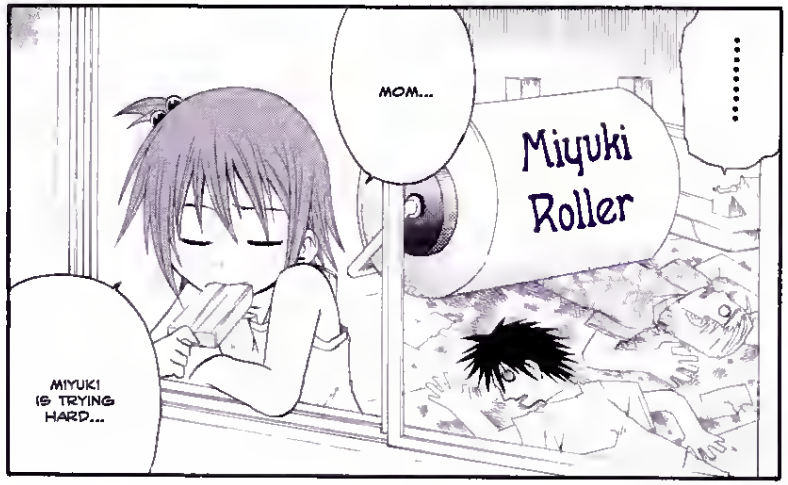

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